

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 37, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

As the dyes can be used commercial dyes and other known dyes shown in literature (e.g., *Senryô Binran*, edited by Japan Society of Organic Synthesis Chemistry, published in 1970; *Kagaku Kôgyô*, May 1986 issue, pp.45-51 "Near-Infrared-Absorbing Dyes"; and *Kyûjû-Nendai Kinôsei Shikiso No Kaihatsu To Shijô Dôkô*, Chapter 2, Section 2.3 (1990), CMC) and in patent documents. Examples of the dyes include infrared-absorbing dyes such as azo dyes, metal complex azo dyes, pyrazolone azo dyes, anthraquinone dyes, phthalocyanine dyes, carbonium dyes, ~~quinoneimine~~ quinoneimine dyes, polymethine dyes, and cyanine dyes.